



Safe Harbor...The Newsletter By and For Boulder City United Methodist Church

Pastor John Ritenour

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Compared to the community **Rick Ladwig** moved from in 1994, Boulder City is a booming metropolis. Sunol, California, population 150, is nestled in the coastal foothills between Fremont and Pleasanton, and was a short 30-minute commute to his work in Newark. A company reorganization brought Rick from the relative cool of the California Bay Area to the southern Nevada desert, his job now headquartered at the PABCO Gypsum plant.

Both Rick and his wife Gayle were born in Berkley, California. Graduating from Berkley High School in 1964, Rick joined the Army for a three-year hitch as part of the Army's Chemical Corp, stationed in Denver, for the duration. After the Army, Rick attended OSU in Corvallis, Oregon, earning his degree in chemical engineering.

Boy Scouts have been a big part of Rick's life. Working his way up from Cub Scouts, Rick eventually moved from Boy Scouts to Sea Explorers. Scouting proved even more important through Rick's mentor and a fellow Scouter—one became his father-in-law, the other his brother-in-law. Rick suddenly noticed Gayle when she turned fourteen, and thirteen years later, in 1974, they were married. They have two sons, Kurt—a Junior at the University of Washington in Seattle and Mark, who is completing his masters degree through Oklahoma State University. Rick continued with Scouting as an adult, as a Scout leader and as a proud father when Mark achieved his Eagle Scout rank.

Rick, the third of four boys, grew up attending a large Methodist church in Berkley. The church had seven choirs, from pre-school on up, and Rick sang in every one of them. His mother, a professional flower arranger, decorated the church her whole adult life. Rick was active in the MYF, attending multiple Methodist camps and youth outings.

Through the years, the Ladwigs have lived in many places, including Salina, Kansas, Tulsa, Oklahoma and Seattle. Even though they have been settled in Boulder City for a number of years, Rick travels often and extensively, trouble shooting and inspecting various sites. Asked if he would like to travel after retirement, he seemed truly puzzled at the idea. The ideal retirement for him, it seems, will include spending the desert's hot months refurbishing a century-old family home in Coos Bay, Oregon. *Continued Page 2*

SOME THOUGHTS AS THE SUMMER ENDS AND FALL BEGINS.

**There isn't anywhere Jesus takes us that he is not already there.
Are you ready? Will you go? Will it make a difference?**

It has been a summer of reality shows. Hard reality is that we all wonder if we might be voted off the island, or off the team, or off the whatever.

The joy we have in Jesus is that he saves sinners not winners. There are no degrees, or diplomas, or social challenges, or physical feats. Salvation is ours before we earned it, before we even knew about it. Our problem is we thank God for unmerited grace and then we let ourselves get trapped into thinking we need to go earn it. We think we must earn that which cannot be earned.

We are not voted off the island. We are not voted off the team. Being off is a choice. If we select to remain in our sin, rejecting the gift of Christ, that is what takes us off. It is not God! Sin is separation and death. God's grace in Christ Jesus is a future with HOPE.

Stuff in life can make us think we are voted off, but the Gospel of Jesus is good news. It is good news of hope; good news of a future. God's good news is that he has not, and will not, vote us off. He has declared that no matter how bleak life's reality may be, whoever believes in Christ Jesus will not perish but have everlasting life.

God bless us all, *Pastor John*

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After their move to southern Nevada, Rick attended First Henderson UMC for a number of years. Visiting Boulder City UMC while the congregation was still meeting at the Lighthouse Inn, Rick felt a sense of connection, a calling to stay, a feeling that this was where he needed to be. He enjoys Pastor John's messages, is a faithful participant in the Adult Bible Study and has lately taken on the responsibility of head usher and head of the set-up and taken-down committee. Rick is also a strong voice on the Building Committee, bringing his many years of interior building and safety expertise to the project. His advice to the church? "Support your local church. Give to the Building Fund." **SB**

Pastor's Study

Feeling a little yucky about church? It happens when we know what we should do and we don't do it. The next step in the church-yuck sequence is to stop being part of the church hoping the yuck will go away.

If we subconsciously rationalize our failure to participate (too busy, bad economic times, my day to rest, the only family day we have, I help when I am there, etc) it only covers the yuck for a while. Dissonance makes us yucky. Dissonance occurs when what happens does not match what our subconscious says should happen. Subconsciously we are part of a faith community but if we do not pray, serve, attend, or give we feel yucky.

So, we have two choices: Find a reason to can blame the church for the yuck or do what we know to do. The second option, doing what we know to do, will turn the yuck to blessing. Being part of this faith community involves four things. We are part of the church when we pray for each other, give regularly, serve, and worship together.

God bless us all, *Pastor John*

A Purpose Driven Life—Join the Discussion

Rick Warren's "A Purpose Driven Life" will be the topic of discussion for the newly formed Book Discussion Group, headed up by Jenn Haag. At a meeting held at the Ritenour's on August 15, "A Purpose Driven Life" was selected from among five books (which may be topics for future groups). The group will meet every-other Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., starting September 2. Future meetings will be September 16 and 30, October 14 and 28 and November 11. All are invited even if you can't make it to every meeting. The September 2 meeting will be held at Pastor John and Kitty's (1416 Bronco), and will be held at other member's homes throughout the course.

Jenn is ordering the books, so if you would like to join in and were not part of the original sign-up group, contact her right away at 293-1551 or email her at jennhaag44@cox.net to let her know you would like a book.

At each meeting we will discuss a section of the book—the first will cover days 1 to 7 (pages 1 through 59), *What On Earth Am I Here For?* It promises to be a lively, informative and fun group.

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Ladies Night Out

Ladies—come one, come all to our **4th Annual Ladies Night Out** on Thursday, September 4, at 6:00 p.m. at Macaroni Grill, 573 N. Stephanie in Henderson. We will meet at the Senior Center at 5:30 to carpool into Henderson, or meet us at the restaurant.

Signup sheets are available at church, or call Kitty (293-6022) or Sue (293-7377) before August 26. We want to make reservations about one week in advance. Please bring cash to the dinner, we will have one check to split.

Kitty Ritenour

Happenings

This and That

There will be a **retirement party for Rev Jerry Blankinship** at Sunrise Hospital on Friday August 29, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Please RSVP to Christa Kelly at 731-8541 by August 15. He has served as hospital chaplain for 32 years and was the first pastor appointed to our congregation.

Pastor John will begin a series based on **Matthew** with the August 17 message. For those who like to read ahead, please read chapters of Matthew in groups of three (e.g., Matthew 1, 2 and 3 for August 17). Sunday scriptures will be selected from these readings.

Chatty Hatters took the month of July off, but are once again meeting at the Senior Center from 1:00 to 3:00 every Thursday. So far, there are 126 sets of hats and scarves completed, close to our record of 157 last year. Our blessing service will be the last Sunday of October.

Don't forget **Hacienda Buffet Night**, the last Thursday of each month. Join Pastor John and Kitty at 5:30 to enjoy a buffet that includes fresh-roasted turkey along with the trimmings, as well as many other items. And...it's \$2 off for those over 55!

Birthdays

August

- 7 Debbie Linge
Carla Quinn
- 13 Barbara McConnell
- 19 Don Cooley
- 20 Terry McClain
- 18 Mary Caldwell
- 21 Krista Dean

September

- 10 Jonathan Streator
Cheryl Jett
- 13 Bob Sanders
- 18 Margaret Conway
- 22 Chloe Hoffman
- 24 David Paulsen
- 25 Faith McPherson

August/September

August

- 3 Birthday Sunday
Formal Communion
- 15 6:30 p.m. Book Discussion Group
Planning—1416 Bronco
- 28 Hacienda Buffet Get-together 5:30 p.m.
- 29 Rev. Jerry Blankinship Retirement
- 31 Music Sunday

September

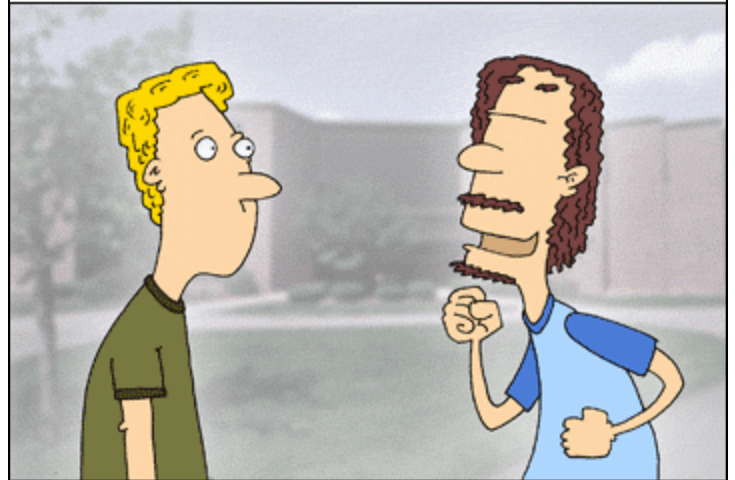
- 1 Labor Day
- 4 Ladies Night Out—Macaroni Grill
- 7 Birthday Sunday
- 9 Care Ministry Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 11 Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 14 Formal Communion
Pot Luck Sunday
- 25 Hacienda Buffet Get-together 5:30 p.m.

Communion Served Each Sunday

Prayer Group Each Wednesday
10:00 a.m.—1416 Bronco Rd.

**Communion Coin for August: Las Vegas United
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CONSIDER ME AN EMERGENT, PURPOSE-DRIVEN
META-SEEKER WITH A MODERATE, POSTMODERN,
FREETHINKER-BASED WORLDVIEW ... I'M NOT
SURE WHAT I BELIEVE YET, BUT I CERTAINLY
NAILED MY LABEL

Worship Committee Devin Streator

Due to floor restoration in the main room of the Senior Center, we held our service in the much smaller front room on July 6th. Thanks to the diligence of the Set-up Committee and Altar Guild things went very smoothly. It's great to be flexible and adaptable to new situations!

We were extremely fortunate to have Valerie Gill back with us for two weeks in July. It is wonderful that she shares her musical gift with us whenever she is in town. Can't wait to see and hear her again in the fall!

Our most fervent prayers, positive thoughts and best wishes go out to Dick Fazio and his family during this difficult time. Speedy recovery, Dick! We miss you and look forward to your return.

Musical Interlude

Continuing with our study of hymns:

Poetic Devices

Hymns make use of certain POETIC DEVICES that are common in classical poetry. Consider the following hymn:

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace! My gracious master and my God, assist me to proclaim,	to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name. Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease; 'tis music in the sinner ears; 'tis life, and health, and peace.
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Charles Wesley, 1739 (MH 57)

In addition to being one of the greatest religious leaders of his day, Charles Wesley was also one of the great poets. Demonstrated within his hymn are a variety of 'devices' for expression, including:

HYPERBOLE: A figure making use of exaggeration (O for a thousand tongues to sing).

ANADIPLOSIS: Using words or ideas ending one stanza as the start of the next stanza (see end of stanza one leading to the beginning of stanza two; the end of stanza two leading to stanza three).

ALLITERATION: The repetition of the same first sound in consecutive words: (thousand tongues; sorrows cease)

Other poetic devices that are common in hymns include:

ANAPHORA: The repetition of the same word at the beginning of successive lines (MH 240, st. 3; MH 196, st. 2)

PARADOX: A Statement that is contradictory (Make me a captive, Lord, and then I shall be free -- George Matheson, 1890)

ANTHITHESIS: Sharply contrasting ideas set in juxtaposition

PERSONIFICATION: The representation of a thing or abstraction as a person or by physical form (Rock of ages, cleft for me, Augustus Toplady)

SIMILE: Comparing unlike objects in one respect ("Peter is like a rock")

METAPHOR: Using a word or phrase denoting one kind of idea in place of another ("Peter is a rock")

TAUTOLOGY: The repetition of the same thought in a slightly different way (I am tired, I am weak, I am worn, MH 474)

CLIMAX: Arranging ideas in an ascending order of intensity (Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all. -- Isaac Watts, When I survey the wondrous cross)

The Incredible Gift of the Church Brian Fox, Council Chairman

The pioneers of the church dreamed it, and by the Grace of God, they built it, and now they have given it to us. The next time you come into our church, look around at what we have and think of those remarkable people of faith who went before. God forbid that we should ever take the church for granted.

How do we repay them for what they did as instruments of God? I don't think we can! All we can do is to be the church and keep it strong, hold it high, carry it forward, and more specifically in our case, be determined to make our new church become a reality.

Think of all we owe God. Grace, pardon, redemption, salvation, deliverance, healing, atonement, reconciliation and love. There is no way we can repay God for such gracious gifts. All that we can do is to thankfully accept them in faith, try to live in God's generous spirit, be the instruments by which God's grace and love are passed on to others, and make whatever commitment is necessary to create a church in Boulder City that will serve this community and create more disciples for Christ.

Followship Notes from Pat Benke

We know it is summer in Boulder City when we need to make only one pot of coffee on a Sunday morning. A BIG THANK YOU to those who have been helping provide those delicious goodies after worship service each Sunday! Our small summer congregation still enjoys a snack. And also a BIG THANK YOU to Marge Kloske for filling in to serve Followship while Diane Hernandez is gone.

Building Committee Update Bob Triolo

Our project is moving forward. We have a contract with John Kristedja from JK Architects, Placerville, CA to coordinate and begin the phase of final drawings and begin the ground work on our land. We have contracted with Rollie Hogge of RJH Engineering to submit a bid on the civil grading and utility plans for our church at 1400 Utah Street. The bid totaled \$10,500 and consisted of the Technical Drainage Study, Grade Plan and Utility Plan.

The bid was submitted to John Sneed and the Council at the end of July and was approved and signed. A check for \$5250 was issued to RJH Engineering and this will take us to the next exciting step of going to the City and asking for a temporary permit for the beginning of the ground work at the location.

Combined with the architect drawings and the landscape design we will submit to the City, we will be able to begin to see our building project moving forward with the necessary ground improvements.

The architect has made us a very nice model of our new church and it is displayed in the foyer, along with the final plans. Please take a look! We are now on our final phase of beginning to work on the schematic design package.

Acolytes

Sasha Linerode has joined our team of acolytes and served her first Sunday in that regard on July 13 with Kelsey Nelson. Welcome, Sasha!

Pat Benke

Musings

God has impressed upon me that he is concerned about 100% of what he has given me. Regarding what we give back, 10% is a good beginning. Regular giving is an amazing blessing and encouragement. When we give we become possessive; this is my church, I am part in the Body of Christ. Are we regular givers, including times we are away?

- All God gives us each year may include wages, investments, pensions, social security, bonuses, winnings, monetary gifts, commissions, rebates, etc. _____ = **A**

- For 10% divide **A** by 10 _____ = **B**

- Do you give every week? Divide **B** by 52 = _____

- Do you give every two weeks? Divide **B** by 26 = _____

- Do you give each month? Divide **B** by 12 = _____

Pastor John

PAPER CLIPS

Bruce Benke, Lay Leader



At the recommendation of one of our daughters, my wife Pat and I recently watched a DVD movie titled “Paper Clips”. This movie had a spiritual impact on me that I’ll never forget. In my faith journey, the person within our Triune God that poses the greatest mystery for me is the Holy Spirit. Conceptually, I characterize the Holy Spirit as God’s “love force”. I have come to understand that the unified ministry of the Trinity proceeds as the Father and the Son commission the Holy Spirit to act in their names; God’s work is accomplished by the Holy Spirit.

To me, the presence and influence of the Holy Spirit is never clearer than in this movie. An eighth-grade school project to learn about the Holocaust in a small rural town in Tennessee ends up world-wide in scope. I entreat everyone who has not seen this movie to seek it out and watch it. I’m sure you’ll see the Holy Spirit at work and marvel at God’s Grace.

Adult Bible Study

We begin our fall/winter series with a complete study of John’s Gospel. What is it that makes the Gospel of John so different? Why is the Gospel of John favored by a majority of Christians? What is the message that John is trying to convey?

Adult class is held every Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room, and will begin September 6.

Ladies With Typewriters:

The Fasting and Prayer Conference includes meals.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

Youth Class

Youth class will begin Sunday, September 6 with a series entitled “In a Dilemma—Living Your Faith Through the Tough Stuff”.

Topics will include ethics dilemmas, everyday decisions, valuing values, and choices and consequences.

Young people are faced with many difficult decisions day-to-day. How can they keep their Christian faith alive in making those choices?

Children in “Big” Church

Linda Fox, Chairman, Education Committee

This is Part 4 in a series of 4, taken from Beth Edington Hewitt’s book, “Captivating Children’s Sermons”

Children’s sermons provide a meaningful way to intentionally include children in the corporate worship experience. Many churches offer alternative worship experience just for children. But with the children’s church, there is a hidden danger. If children never worship with adults during their formative years, how will they learn that “big church” is important and desirable? Ivy Beckwith asks: “If children are never included in our community worship rituals and practices, how will they ever learn to value them?” They will miss out on the community experience of their church family.

When children are young they are like newly poured cement. They are impressionable. That is why it is important to include them in corporate worship at a young age. Children who have meaningful worship experiences are more likely to value worship when they mature into adulthood.

This concludes our series on Children in “Big” Church.

A personal note from Linda Fox:

Kudos to our congregation! The presence of children in our worship is embraced by each of you. The presence of children is crucial for a healthy church. Children bring an excitement about life, a fresh outlook on faith, and a hearty endorsement from our Lord.

Thank you for making our young Christians feel welcome and let them know they belong.

Prayer List

Please hold the following people in your hearts, minds and especially your prayers.

KR	Aiton family	Prayer Covering
KR	Al & Patti Loewe	Health
Ch	Alberta Ellis	Healing/knee
Ch	Angel Robinson	Health
KR	Ardy & Sherril Pierson	Health/Caregiving
JM	Art & Grace Davis	Alzheimer's (Art)
JR	Austin Martin Grandson	Prayer Covering
BS	Bob and Babs Sanders	Prayer Covering
KR	Barbara Link	Sell House
PB	Benny Hahn	Prayer Covering
ST	Bill	Heart problems/prayer covering
BB	Bill Cooney	Healing/recovery
KR	Bill McKinley	Prayer Covering
JM	Bill & Elaine Smith	Prayer Covering
PB	Bob Van Such	Stroke/Prayer Covering
DR	Brandon Rodriguez	Recalled
JR	Building Finance & Trustee	Prayer Covering
JR	Care Ministries	Prayer Covering
DF	Carol Lynn	Prayer Covering
Ch	Cheryl Sneed	Health & Prayer Covering
HS	Chris	4 th tour in August/prayer covering
KR	Chris & Scott & Children	Prayer Covering
KR	Chris VanVoorhis	Return of Cancer
SC	Christine Cooley	Breast Cancer
SS	Christine Davidson	Recovery (kidney failure)
PB	Christy Morgan	Cancer
Ch	Church Building	Prayer Covering
JR	Church & Ministry Leaders	Prayer covering
LF	Cindy Ravacchi	Loss of Father
BT	Connie	Health/prayer covering
BS	Crawford Family	Prayer Covering
PB	Danny Giles	9 yr old, emotional problems
JR	David B	Job
MN	Dawn	Severe emotional problem
JR	Dena	Guidance/prayer covering
BB	Denny & Elaine Moore	Prayer covering/financial
JM	Dick & Marge Fazio	Health/Prayer Covering
BB	Don Hann	Prayer Covering
BW	Don Walters	Cancer/Prayer Covering
VG	Dorothy Robertson	Bone cancer
JM	Elaine Culver & family	Bowel Obstruction /Ovarian Cancer
BW	Ellen Oberholtzer	Health/prayer covering
SL	Emili Landeros	Healing/salavation
Ch	Emma Lee Sneed	Prayer Covering, Healing
JR	Erin Linerode	Prayer Covering
KR	Ernie Morris & family	Prayer Covering
PB	Espee Mazo (wife of Rudy)	Severe high blood pressure
PB	Gene & Catherine Dunn	Health deterioration
MFz	Glen & Robin	Health/Prayer Covering

BW	Hank Ziegler	Cancer
PB	Heather	Brain Tumor, Complication/Prayer Covering
BW	Helena Andres	Healing
PB	Hunsinger Family	Loss of husband/father
BW	Ingrid Corda Family	Loss of Ingrid
PL	Jack Dalton	Cancer Treatments
KD	James Dean	Middle East Deployment
BL	Janet Dodd	Migraines
DH	J C Niday	Prayer Covering/healing
PB	Jeannie Wahlin	Medical
JH	Jennifer Regan	Pregnant/birth defect/prayer covering
FR	Jim Britendorf & Wife	Prayer Covering
PB	Joan & Steve Kersay	Prayer Covering
CQ	Joe	Prayer covering/health
JR	John & Jean (parents)	Prayer Covering
BS	John Huey	Cancer
JM	John Zerfoss Family	Loss of John
AE	Judy Craven	Caregiver of 2/prayer covering
KS	Julie Hammond	Cancer
PT	Karen Brenning	Prayer covering/Leg Amputated
JR	Karianna	Lump/testing/prayer covering
JH	Karin & Family	Loss of son
KN	Karin (Kelsey's neighbor)	Internal Cancer/Prayer
DP	Kathy	Recovery/prayer covering
CH	Kelsey	Moving/prayer covering
CH	Ken Beam	Continued recovery
KS	Ken Driscoll	Prayer Covering
MC	Kimble Wilson	Prayer Covering (cancer)
MK	Kurt Willie	Death of brother
SL	Lane Lybe	Prayer Covering
PB	Lauren	Prayer Covering
KR	Laurie	Healing/prayer covering
JB	Laurie Boyer	Heart/prayer covering
JM	Leo Dunbar & family	Health/prayer covering
DB	Lewis Baker Family	Prayer covering
BD	Louise Durham	Healing - Aneurism
MN	Luz Nelson	Prayer covering/Healing
PT	Lynn Davis	Prayer Covering (cancer)
SL	Margaret Manning	Healing
JR	Marianna	2 nd Part of State Testing
PB	Mario & Carolyn Stefani	Prayer covering/Health & Strength
JR	Mario & Diane Hernandez	Prayer covering/Healing
BL	Martin & Ruby Lee Hess	Prayer Covering
JM	Marty	Prayer Covering
JR	Mary Caldwell	Job/Deployment
PL	Mary Lou	Throat Cancer/pneumonia
BW	Mary (sister)	Prayer Covering
Ch	Mary Anne	Prayer Covering

KD	Mary Dean	Depression
BMc	Matt & Ladae McConnell	Baby Mason/Prayer Covering
KN	Michael Nelson	Job/Spiritual direction
KD	Michael Venson	Depression
MR	Michelle's father	Cancer
JR	Olive and Family	Prayer Covering
Ch	Orlena Jackson	Health
OJ	Orlena Jackson's Family	Salvation
JM	Pat Amanos	Loss of husband/father
PB	Pat/Rick Hockins	Mother/Stroke; Rick/Radiation & Leukemia
PL	Patty Dalton	Breast Cancer
JM	Paul Coniglio	Fluid on lungs/prayer covering
JM	Peggy Culver (sister)	Prayer Covering
	Phillip Emmile	Prostate Cancer
Ch	Phyllis Haley	Heart
BW	Rev. George Breuning & daughter Dee	Prayer Covering
JR	Rhonda Gatlin	Health/prayer covering
BL	Ruth Yeary	Prayer covering/health
PB	Ryan Stow	Divorce/prayer covering
DL	Ryan Wilford	Healing/prayer covering

BS	Sam Sanders	Health/prayer covering
JF	Scott Eveland & family	Severe head trauma
JM	Shawn	Health/prayer covering
BMc	Shirley Krieb	Hysterectomy
JM	Shari Lindberg	Breast Cancer
CH	Smith Family	Prayer covering/loss
JM	Spinkelink Family	Loss of Gary, prayer covering
PB	Stephanie	Prayer covering/Spiritual Discernment
Ch	Steve Herles	Prayer covering
SL	Steve Linerode	Pain
BP	Tammy & Brad	Premature twins with Downs Syndrome
BMc	Terri Weimer	Shoulder Surgery
OS	Thor	Healing/Peace of mind
MJ	Tina (Maria's Sister)	Heart Problems
DH	Todd & Michelle	Finances/prayer covering
KS	Tom Logan	Cancer (lung, colon, brain tumor)
MFz	Tom & Family	Loss of Susie, Prayer Covering
KR	Virginia (neighbor)	Prayer covering,
Ch	Warren and Valerie Gill	Health and Caregiving

To these prayers we add prayers for our nation, for our service men and women who are serving in foreign lands, and to the families who have lost loved ones.

Please contact John Mondt at 293-3739 or Kitty Ritenour at 293-6022 if you wish to add people or remove them from the prayer list.

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